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In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

1. Please replace paragraph 1 on page 1 beginning at line 1 with the following paragraph.

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/107,033 filed June 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,157,966 granted on December 5, 2000. (allowed April 6, 2000). This application claims the benefit of the filing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/051,326, filed June 30, 1997.

2. Please replace the current title of the invention with the following new descriptive title:

SMART CARD SYSTEM HAVING ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION
WITH THE SMART CARD OPERATING EITHER AS MASTER OR SLAVE